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[a397-1977]

Leaving Waichow at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning for Shek-long, the stream was with them, and the wind sent the boat along at a fair pace. The country was flat and undercultivation; and a fair number of villages were passed enroute. At about 4 p.m. pirate regions were reached, guard-boats being stationed at intervals of about a mile. The anchor was dropped at about 6.30 p.m. During the night soldiers beat gongs, presumably as a proof of their watchfulness. At about 3 o'clock next morning—Monday—the "mud-hook" was weighed, and Shek-long was reached at about 11 a.m. Here the river is broad but very shallow—too shallow for any but small boats, of which several were employed carrying cargoes. Shek-long City is really a small edition of Waichow. The shops made a good show of European goods, one store being completely filled with them.

The party left Shek-long for Whampoa in tow of a steam-launch, hoping to catch the boat for Canton. They were just in time to see the boat for Canton steaming down river, leaving her long trail of smoke behind. There was nothing for it but to go on in their own craft, arriving at Canton at 9 p.m.

The main conclusions reached are that the people of the district are very friendly to foreigners and compare favourably with the people in the New Territory, but the prospect of Waichow becoming an important centre of foreign trade would seem to depend on railway communication being established, because the river is too shallow to be serviceable for the movement of cargoes. The country presents no serious difficulty for the railway engineer.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

The 15th ordinary general meeting of the above company was held at the office of the General Managers, Des Voeux Road, at 11.30 yesterday morning. There were present Mr. C. A. Jones (chairman), Dr. J. W. Noble, Hon. C. W. Dickson, Messrs. C. Klink, T. Hough, Fung Wa Chiu, R. Hancock, J. R. Michael, S. J. Michael, A. Babinington, G. Murray Bain, E. A. Hewitt, D. Haskell, E. S. Joseph, and N. H. Rutherford (secretary).

The SECRETARY read having the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—Unless there is any objection we shall take the report as read. The past year is the best in the history of the Company, and we hope it is only the forerunner of many of like character. The quantity of cement turned out is about 33 per cent. greater than in 1902, and the limit of capacity of the present establishments has been nearly reached. One new kiln is under construction in Macao, and some new grinding machinery being installed to make a complete and well-balanced factory there, and when this work is all finished,—and it is estimated it will be at the end of the present year,—the production will be increased by about 4,500 tons per annum. At Hok On it has been discovered that with the experience gained in firing, etc., the kilns turn out a greater quantity of clinker than was estimated, and more than the mills can grind, and it is proposed to erect more grinding plant, and secure an increase of 6,000 tons here. From the two establishments we shall get therefore about 60,000 barrels per annum more, and no difficulty is anticipated in selling this extra quantity, as the present sales keep pace with all that is manufactured. The high quality of the cement has been well maintained, and its excellence is appreciated wherever it goes. Consumption has increased, especially locally, the several large engineering undertakings at present under way in the Colony absorbing a good percentage of the output. These undertakings will be completed in time, but new ones will no doubt arise in their place as we need not contemplate any failure on the part of Hongkong to continue its progress, and the vitality of a port nowadays is well estimated by its ability to absorb cement. The anxious feeling we had about supplies of limestone has now disappeared in the face of the quantity brought down from the country last summer, and at the beginning of this last dry season there was nearly a ten months' stock on our hands. We must aim to constantly keep that quantity in sight. The brick and pipe works at Deep Water Bay have been improved, and the output is larger and better. The plant is yet, however, inadequate to supply the demands of the Public Works Department, and many orders go past us to the factories at home. The Company's overdraft at the bank is a large one, but as we are doing so well we think it justifiable to pay the proposed dividend, especially as ample provision has been made for depreciation. The overdraft to-day stands at about \$350,000. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL.—I beg to second.

Carried unanimously.
Mr. T. F. HOUGH.—Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in proposing that Sir Paul Chater, Mr. C. W. Dickson, and Dr. J. W. Noble be re-elected on the Consulting Committee.

Mr. C. KLINK.—I beg to second.

Carried unanimously.
Mr. MURRAY BAIN.—Mr. Chairman, I beg to propose that Mr. T. Arnold and Mr. W. H. Poits be re-elected as auditors.

Mr. D. HASKELL.—I beg to second.
Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN.—That is all the business.

Dividend warrants will be ready this afternoon.

Thank you for your attendance.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 6th April.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR T. SERCOMBE SMITH (ACTING PUISSE JUDGE).

Shau Yin Nam and Lo Fung Lan, who have been carrying on business under a partnership styled "Lun Cheong Tai, timber-dealers," sued Mak Ping, shroff of Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, of Bank Buildings, for \$440.26 guaranteed for goods sold by the Sunn Sam Kee firm; and they sued for costs. Mr. O. D. Thomson, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Almada e Castro, solicitor, for the defendant.

Mr. Thomson said that on the 15th of August, 1901, a guarantee had been made. When translated the guarantee read:—"Mr. Mak Ping acknowledges the debt due from the Sunn Sam Kee for goods bought to the amount of \$790.76." \$350 of this was paid on the 7th February, 1902, but the balance was still due.

Mr. Almada e Castro said that the defendants had not given a guarantee, but only acknowledged the debt incurred by goods supplied to the Sunn Sam Kee.

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs with costs, except such costs as could be shown to have been incurred by the negligence of the plaintiffs to appear on the first occasion that the case came on for hearing.

P. LEMAIRE & CO. v. THE SAN LOONG FIRM.
P. Lemaire & Co., No. 15, Queen's Road Central, sued the San Loong Firm, No. 169, Wing Lok Street, for \$635, being the balance due for goods sold and delivered:—

24th June, 1903. By 50 cases tin-plates at \$7 per case... \$350.
10th July. By 50 cases tin-plates at \$7.70 per case... 385

Total... \$735
Received on account... 100

Balance due... \$635

Mr. F. Paget Hett, solicitor, of the firm of Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton, appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. P. W. Goldring (solicitor), of Mr. J. Hastings's office, for the defendants.

Mr. Paget Hett said that the plaintiffs sued for \$635 balance for goods sold on 24th June and 10th July. The defendant firm had paid \$285 into court admitted to be due on account of the second contract. The point at issue was: Was the \$100 paid on the first or second issue?

Mr. Hett said that Ho Y Hing, managing partner of the San Loong Firm, came to the plaintiffs and said he had to fulfil the contract for 50 cases of tin-plates. The plaintiffs had helped them out by lending them the plates. The plaintiffs had applied for the return of the tin-plates, but the defendants said they could not do so then, but hoped to be able to do so soon. Later they said they were unable to return the plates, but were willing to pay \$7 per case, \$7 being the agreed price. This was arranged, and Ho Y Hing paid \$100 on account. On the 10th of July the San Loong entered into a contract which was admitted, and it was on account of this contract that the defendants alleged the \$100 was paid.

Evidence was taken.
His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 6th April.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

Max Jacobs and F. Huber, partners in the Windsor Garden Restaurant, issued cross-summations for assault. Mr. J. Hastings (solicitor) appeared for the former, and Mr. D. V. Stevenson (solicitor), of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, for the latter.

Mr. Hastings asked the Magistrate if he would take Dr. Carl Just's evidence before remanding the case. Dr. Just had been twice to the Court. First of all he (Mr. Hastings) had better explain the case:—These two persons, Messrs. Jacobs and Huber, were in partnership in the Windsor Garden Restaurant, Wongnei-chung Valley. They and recently applied for a licence—Huber applied—which was refused. Huber then resented to get an idea into his head that the licence was refused on account of Jacobs, and he told Jacobs so. On the 2nd inst. Jacobs asked Huber for some money to pay boys' wages due. Huber immediately attacked him in a violent manner, and struck him on the face. He pursued Jacobs to the garden, struck him again, and knocked him down, with the result that bones of his shoulder were broken. The complainant went to his house, where Dr. Just examined him. Huber came to the house, and burst the door open, the plaintiff getting another blow in the face. Huber was also charged with the possession of a gun found in his possession without a permit from the Police.

Dr. Carl Just said he had attended Jacobs at Jacobs's house, No. 38, Morrison Hill Road. The man had two black eyes, fractured shoulder bones which might have been occasioned by a fall, and a bruise over his left eye which might have been occasioned by a knock from an opening door. It would be two or three weeks before he would be able to use his arm.

Huber pleaded guilty to possessing a gun without a permit.

The Magistrate, in remanding the case, said that as Jacobs's injuries were so serious he would require more bail, \$200 instead of \$100.

THE NEW ARMY SCHEME.

SWEEPING REFORMS.

The King has been pleased to approve the issue of Part 2 of the Report of the War Office (Reconstitution) Committee. Part III, containing the final details, will be issued shortly. The Committee have prepared their report with a covering letter to the Prime Minister, in which they pay a graceful tribute to the late Commander-in-Chief, and speak highly of the assistance received from the newly-appointed members of the Army Council. The second part of the report is divided into five sections dealing with (1) the Army Council, (2) decentralisation, (3) military finance, (4) the Chief of the General Staff, and (5) promotion and selection of officers.

In their letter to the Prime Minister the Committee say:—"The proposals made by us in Part I of our Report having been approved by His Majesty's Government, and the Army Council being constituted by patent, we have now, in Section I of Part II, laid down the principles by which, in our opinion, the proceedings of the Army Council should be governed. If these principles are accepted we suggest that they should be formulated at once by an Order in Council." In reference to their detailed proposals the Committee declare that they attach the greatest importance to "a change of personnel in order to mark emphatically a complete change of system," as nothing which they can suggest will so fully convince the rank and file of the finance branch that the old system must be abandoned, and completely new habits formed. Again, as evidence of the completeness of the changes suggested, the Committee say that for the first time in the long annals of the War Office its intricate problems have been approached from the point of view of war rather than peace. After indicating that Part III will be the final section of their report and will deal with the organisation of the branches of the War Office other than the Chief of Staff, the position of the Army Medical Service and other matters, the Committee say:—"We desire it to be clearly understood that our scheme of reform has been conceived and elaborated as a whole, and that any interference with the principles on which it is based would necessarily destroy its benefits."

THE ARMY COUNCIL.

One of the principal objects the Committee have kept in view in the establishment of an Army Council is to prevent the crystallisation in the War Office of narrow habits of thought, or of obsolete methods. That object can best be achieved by a constant infusion of new blood into the main arteries of the administrative branches of the Office. They urge, therefore, that four years should be the maximum period during which an officer can hold the position of a military member of the Army Council. He should then return to active employment on the staff or in command for at least one year before he is re-employed in the Office. They strongly urge that the same rule should be enforced throughout the military staff of the War Office. The Council will decide all questions of military policy and all important questions affecting more than a single branch of the War Office. The decisions taken will be issued in the name of the Council as a whole. It thus becomes the duty of any military member or members of the Council who may dissent from a decision taken to resign office, or accept a share of the responsibility for the action involved. Members of the Council will be responsible for the efficient working of the branch of the War Office business which they superintend. Each military member will administer a specific vote or votes of the Army Estimates, but to prevent the members of the Council from becoming immersed in detailed administration, the main administrative work of the military branches will be carried out by directors, acting under the members of the Council, who must be entrusted with large powers. Broadly speaking, questions of policy will be decided by the Council, or by the individual member concerned, while administration will devolve upon the directors. Communication between the Secretary of State and the military members of the Council, and between the latter, will be mainly personal. The Committee declare that long minutes passing between the members of Council cannot be necessary, and may lead, as now, to a confusion of ideas. The present Permanent Under-Secretary will, under the new arrangements, become the Secretary of the Council. This will involve a considerable change in his duties, which will be assimilated to those of the Secretary of the Admiralty, and the Committee consider that, whenever a fresh appointment is made, the title of the office should be Secretary of the War Office.

DECENTRALISATION.—ARMY CORPS SYSTEM ABOLISHED.

In dealing with the subject of decentralisation, the Committee declare that no proposals for the reconstitution of the War Office can lead to permanent improvement in administration unless they include a large and real measure of decentralisation. The business of the War Office has increased enormously in volume and complication, as instanced by the fact that whereas in 1871 the Army Estimates amounted to £12,975,000, in the present financial year the total sum administered is £34,500,000. There has not, however, been any serious attempt to grapple with the vast increase of business by the introduction of improved methods. The Committee reject the army corps system of decentralisation in favour of that of administrative districts. An army corps should be made complete by bringing a division at Salisbury under the Aldershot command, and additional mobilisations should be by divisions or brigades only. "We see no object," the Committee say, "in attempting to organise additional army corps, which, in no reasonably probable circumstances, could be required or used as such, if they ever existed otherwise than on paper. On

the other hand, we consider that the whole of the cavalry and infantry in the United Kingdom should be brigaded, which has not yet been arranged. Even the 1st Army Corps lacks brigadiers."

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS AND BRIGADE DISTRICTS.

The committee recommend that the existing regional districts should be grouped by fours into brigade districts, each commanded by a colonel. This will give nineteen brigade districts. These, in turn, should be grouped into seven administrative districts, each commanded by a major-general. In this way England will be divided for administrative purposes into five territorial commands, embracing approximately equal populations, while Scotland and Ireland complete the scheme. London should form an administrative district apart from the territorial divisions. The territorial principle should be applied to the other arms, as well as the infantry. All questions of personnel, other than officers and of recruiting, being dealt with in the brigade district offices, the higher duties of administration will devolve upon the major-generals commanding districts. Provision having been made for decentralisation on strictly territorial lines, large powers must be conferred on major-generals commanding, who, within broad limits, must decide all questions on their own responsibility. The result would be to relieve the War Office of a vast amount of business which it cannot now effectively transact, and to qualify the officers of the army for duties which they must perform in the field.

GENERAL COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF.

The co-ordination of training and command with administrative matters should devolve upon the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, of whom there should be five, namely: (1) Aldershot and Salisbury (the Army Corps), (2) Northern, (3) Eastern, (4) Western, (5) Ireland. Each of the commands includes two administrative districts, except Ireland, which includes one district. The primary duty of the General Commanding-in-Chief will be the training and preparation of the regular and auxiliary forces for war. They will deal with the promotions and retirements of regular officers up to the rank of major, and also with the discipline of officers; but with these exceptions, the relations of the General Commanding-in-Chief to the Major-Generals Commanding Districts will be supervisory only. Although the scheme proposed has not been worked out in complete detail, the committee observe that they are in a position to state that no increase of expenditure is involved, and, as compared with the completion of the original scheme for creating six Army Corps, there should be a large reduction of cost. In concluding this section of their report, the committee state:—"Our main object has been to establish a system in place which has its exact analogue in war; which will train officers in peace for the war duties, and which will provide machinery that cannot become disorganised on the despatch of troops for service abroad." They add that the executive measures required should be worked out in detail by a small committee, and it should be possible by these means to make a commencement in establishing the scheme within a month.

MILITARY FINANCE.

Section III. opens with the assertion that the question of finance lies at the root of War Office administration, and then the Committee make this sweeping assertion:—"Having given careful attention to this most important subject, we have no hesitation in reporting that the present arrangements are to the last degree unsatisfactory. They do not conduce to economy in peace; they directly promote waste in war; they tend at all times to combine the maximum of friction with the minimum of efficiency." Proceeding to give instances of defects, they mention, among other matters, that "the fact that a Director and an Assistant Director of Contracts have been appointed, neither of whom had previously any experience in buying, or any knowledge of the special stores to be bought, sufficiently illustrates the practical operation of the dominant theory." The Committee combat the action of the military officers as being so extravagant and goes on to say that while the present system of financial control is futile in peace it is ruinous in war. The acceptance of the principle of governing the army by a council will cause the automatic disappearance of some of the evils, especially as the Financial Secretary is now the colleague of members of the Council, and no longer an independent critic with special powers of access to the Secretary of State. The organic change effected will, says the Committee, operate through the whole finance branch. The legitimate functions of the branch are as necessary as ever, and should be made more exact and efficient, but its financial criticism must begin and end with strictly financial criticism on estimates and advice tendered to the heads of the spending branch and to the Army Council. It is necessary to amalgamate the Army Pay Department with the present Accountant-General's branch, grading the new body as Chief Accountants, Accountants, Deputy Accountants, Assistant Accountants, or some similar titles, with a subordinate section of writers, officers of the existing Pay Department to retain their military titles. The Committee proceeds, then, to deal with the constitution and duties of the proposed new Army Finance Department, and strongly recommends that steps should be at once taken to form such a department on the lines laid down. "Changes of personnel will," they say, "as in the military branches, be essential, and we strongly urge immediate steps should be taken to apply the principles we have laid down."

THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

The Committee open this section of their report with the statement that experience has proved the urgent necessity for complete reorganisation of the Staff of the army. At the time of the South African War "there was no trained General Staff, and some of the most important duties of such a Staff were not assigned to any body of officers." Such conditions gravely prejudiced the conduct of operations in South Africa, and extreme importance is therefore now attached to the constitution of a General Staff, with defined functions in peace and war, educated for special duties, drawing to itself the pick of the brains of the army, and working continuously to improve the training of troops and the standard of preparation for war. To create such a Staff, the Committee admits, will require time, and they consequently urge the immediate taking of the necessary steps. General Staff, and some of the necessary duties of the Chief of the General Staff's Branch as they relate to "Operations of War," subdivide the organisation of the branch under three directors, namely:

Director of Military Operations,
Director of Staff Duties, and
Director of Military Training;

and it is clear that there must be closest touch between the work of these three sections. The Committee then goes into rather minute details of various Staff duties. They strongly urge that the General Staff should be recruited mainly from the Staff College, entry to which should, as now, be through competitive examination. Nominations should be in the hands of the Chief of

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The General Staff, and there should be a term of at least three months' probationary attachment to the General Staff. Continuous employment on the General Staff should be restricted to four years, and should invariably qualify an officer for accelerated promotion.

The Committee has recommended that the Promotion Board should be abolished, and that the Selection Board should be reconstituted, with the Inspector-General of the Forces as president, and the general officers commanding-in-chief as members. A military secretary to the Secretary of State should be appointed to act as secretary to this board, which would meet periodically, and when the selection of cavalry, artillery, or engineer officers is involved, the respective inspectors of these arms should be present. The Committee has further recommended that the office of Military Secretary as at present constituted should be abolished, and now strongly urges that the function of the late military secretary's office should be in part decentralised. The Committee consider that the promotion of all infantry officers up to and including the rank of major should be transferred to the command to which the territorial regiments belong. Minor promotions in the Guards should be made by the General Officer Commanding the London District, and minor promotions in the cavalry, artillery, and engineers should be made as at present, pending the adoption of a scheme of territorial decentralisation. It having been decided that the confidential reports on officers may contain recommendations for accelerated promotion, the Committee now urge that the territorial regiments should be arranged in groups of about eight battalions, and that officers considered deserving of accelerated promotion should have the option of accepting it in any battalion of the group. By this means the principle of selection could be applied at once, and at the same time greater elasticity in promotion could be attained.

Lastly, in connection with the question of promotion, the Committee desires to emphasise the allegiance of British officers to the King as the Head of the Army, and they are, therefore, strongly of opinion that the custom of holding levees by persons other than the Sovereign and His Majesty's representatives abroad should cease, and that in future no levee should be held except by Royal command.

SHIPPING NOTES.

STEAMERS CHARTERED OR PURCHASED IN JAPAN.

The British steamer *Strathgyle*, which was lately sold to the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, has been re-named the *Manashimaru*. The Dutch steamer *Hilber* has been purchased by a Kobe shipping firm, and renamed *Nichigyo-maru*. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has chartered two more steamers in London.

THE TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
The Toyo Kisen Kaisha, at its regular general meeting of shareholders held at Tokyo on Sunday last, adopted the report for the six months ending December last as follows:—

Yen.
Net profits... 202,657.78
Brought from last account... 74,496.27

Total... 277,154.05
To reserve... 10,034.00
To dividend (12 per cent. per annum) 185,000.00
Carried to next account... 72,022.05

A YANZTSEU PASSENGER STEAMER.

The Osaka Sosen Kaisha, Ltd., has ordered a shallow-draught passenger steamer to be constructed at the Mitsui Bishi Shipbuilding yard at Nagasaki for the steamship company's Yanztse-kiang service. The steamer is to be 230 feet in length, 40 feet in breadth, 10 feet in depth, and 1,600 tons gross, with a speed of 11 knots an hour, and is expected to be ready for sea in April, 1905.

SHIPPING INTERESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The *Manila Times*, in a leader, says the principal shipping firms of the Philippines have not experienced any considerable prosperity during the past year. This applies particularly to the coastwise business, and in seeking reasons for this our Manila contemporary says:—"The complaint has been heard, and it does not seem to be without foundation, that the military government has not thrown its insular business in the way of the local shippers for more than a year, but has chartered foreign vessels to carry its freight to insular ports. As the military government is the most extensive shipper of freight in the archipelago, it is not difficult to understand how this slight has worked to the detriment of the coastwise vessels. Of course the military government is at liberty to charter foreign vessels to carry on this trade, but unless a considerable saving resulted to the government it would appear that the local firms should have the preference of contracting for the coastwise business. The local shipping firms are old, reliable, well-established institutions; they furnish a means of livelihood to hundreds of the natives of these islands, as the ships are manned almost wholly by Filipinos. In fact there are many considerations against seeking ships operating under a foreign flag. If the ships plying between Manila and insular ports are not of American registry, it is very certain that, as a rule, they are not of any other registry, and by strict right should not be extended to boats of American build. But even if these coastwise steamers were of Spanish or English registry, the interests of their owners in the island should protect them against any unfair discrimination on the part of the government. The coastwise boats have not and do not ask a subsidy, but only equal privileges with other boats that may be secured to carry on the insular shipping. Everything being equal, we believe this inter-island traffic should be given to the firms that are established in the islands."

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.C. steamer *Chingwa* arrived at Salina Cruz on the 2nd inst.

The C.C. steamer *Lothian* arrived at Portland on the 2nd inst.

The C.C. steamer *Clavering* arrived at Kobe on the 5th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 16th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Agamemnon* should leave Victoria (B.C.) for Japan and Hongkong on the 21st inst.

The steamer *Salsuma* left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 2nd inst.

The Indo-China steamer *Leizang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 1st inst., and may be expected here on the 17th inst.



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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

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BOSTON TOWBOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LYRA," FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents. Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [7]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 11 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [960]

BUSINESS TRAINING COLLEGE.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL."

SIR,—Your correspondent X.Y.Z. in last night's issue should give his name and his own opinion, and not quote the Phonetic Journal. All Phonographers know the strong opposition the Pitman Institution shows to all systems that have any good and original ideas, and has been the means of casting aside temporarily several new shorthands and at least three splendid methods, to my knowledge far superior to the one named, invented over 60 years back by a Nonconformist. Pitman's is obsolete, and as different as the CANDLE burned by Pitman, and the ELECTRIC light as used by him, and the "up-to-date system." Sir Isaac Pitman told me at our last interview that our method as to certain strokes "was a clever invention," and I volunteered that so long as he lived I would not introduce the new system to the public. I kept my word. It is the remaining partners that are so anxious to retain the Pitman Institute, and not one of them, I am certain, know a lesson in the one I am so successfully introducing throughout the world. I do not lay claim to be the sole inventor, but only one of seven practical reporters from the British Houses of Lords and Commons and High Courts. I am prepared to teach Pitman's system to any idiot who is anxious to devote three years as against as many months; and ten times the cost—I am, Sir, &c.,

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A. TURNER, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [941]

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E. GOETZ, Chairman. Hongkong, 30th March, 1904. [892]

NOTICE.

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THE PARTNERSHIP existing in the business of the above Restaurant between myself and F. HUBER has been This Day dissolved, and I shall be no longer RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS incurred by the said F. HUBER in the name of the Partnership after this date.

Dated the 5th day of April, 1904. MAX JACOBS. [948]

NOTICE.

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MR. FREDERICK BISHOP has been appointed MANAGER of the above Hotel from this date, April 1st, 1904. HO PO FAN, Proprietor. Hongkong, 1st April, 1904. [919]

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Hongkong, 29th March, 1904. [884]

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By Order, A. G. WARD, Secretary. Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [954]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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On view from Friday, the 8th April. Catalogues will be issued. TERMS:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [944]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of APRIL, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of Two Lots of Crown Foresters and Sea Bed at Shaikwan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 75 years.

By Order, A. G. WARD, Secretary. Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [954]

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Share Lists close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 30th April, 1904. Hongkong, 1st April, 1904. [923]

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Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on
the 9th day of April, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon
when the following resolutions will be proposed:
That the Articles of Association be altered
in manner following:—

(a) In Article 81 the words "Five hundred
dollars" shall be substituted for the words
"One hundred and fifty dollars."

(b) In Article 102 the words "An Auditor"
shall be substituted for the words "Two
Auditors."

(c) In Article 108 the word "Auditor"
shall be substituted for the word "Auditors."

Should these resolutions be passed by the
required majority they will be submitted for
confirmation as special resolutions to a Second
Extraordinary Meeting which shall be sub-
sequently convened.

Dated the 28th March, 1904.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED,
General Agents for
THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 997 dated 25th
August, 1884, of the Five Shares Nos.
1418/1419 of the Company, standing in
the name of Mr. MOH-SH YEONG, of Hong-
kong, has been LOST, and at the expiration
of One Month from the date hereof the above
document will be not forthcoming, another Cer-
tificate will be issued by the Company, and
thereafter no other will be acknowledged.
Dated 4th April, 1904.

C. PEMBERTON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1904.

**HONGKONG GYMKHANA
CLUB.**

PROGRAMME

THE FIRST MEETING

TO BE HELD AT THE HAPPY VALLEY,
ON

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1904.

4 p.m. 1. THE GRANTHAM CUP.—Presented
by Hart Back, Esq. For all subscription
griffins of any season that have never won
an official race. Weight for inches as per
scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs.
Jockeys that have won an official race in
Hongkong or China 2 lbs. extra; non-
winning Jockeys allowed 5 lbs. Extra. Entrances \$5.
5 Farlongs.

4.30 p.m. 2. THE EAST POINT CUP.—Pre-
sented by the Hon. C. W. Dickinson. For all
China Ponies weight for inches as per scale.
Winners of an open race or open griffin race
5 lbs. extra; non-winning subscription griffins
allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys' penalties and allow-
ances as per Race No. 1. Entrance \$5.
From the two mile post once round and in.

4.40 p.m. 3. THE "JOURNAN" CUP.—Presented
by G. C. C. Master, Esq. Hurdle race.
For all China Ponies. Weight 11 stone.
Jockeys' penalties and allowances as per Race
No. 1, but winners of a hurdle race or
steepchase on an off day at Shanghai or
Hongkong to be treated as winning Jockeys.
Entrances \$5. From the grand stand, twice
round and in.

5 p.m. 4. THE GYMKHANA CLUB CHALLENGER
CUP.—Value \$5,000 (not less than \$300). For
all China Ponies. Weight for inches as per
scale. Penalties and allowances as per Race
No. 2. Jockeys' penalties and allowances as
per Race No. 1. To be won by the pony
scoring most marks in the races for the Cup
by the end of the Club's season, counting 4
for a first, 2 for a second and 1 for a third.
The benefit of marks already scored to pass
with the pony on a sale. Any winner of the
race to carry 5 lbs. extra for each win in sub-
sequent starts for the Cup; penalties accumu-
lative up to 15 lbs. Five to start or no race.
Entrance \$5 to go in the purchase of a
memento to the winner of each race. One
mile.

5.30 p.m. 5. THE PONY SQUAD.—For a Cup
presented by the Club—Open to all bona fide
polo ponies passed as such by the Committee of
the Club. Cattel weights not less than 11 stone.
Best of three heats, to be won without discount-
ing, each from the distance post. Entrance \$5.
5.45 p.m. 6. THE "PRINCE OF WALES" CUP.—Pre-
sented by J. H. Lewis, Esq.—For all China
Ponies that have won no flat race of any
description since the 1st January 1904.
Weight for inches as per scale. To be ridden
by Jockeys that have not won an official race
in Hongkong or China. Entrance \$5. Half
mile.

Entries (which must state the name, owner,
height and colour of ponies entered, and be
accompanied by the necessary fees) close to the
Honorary Secretary at the Hongkong Club at
5 p.m. on Wednesday the 13th April, 1904.

The Committee reserve the right to declare
off any race for which there are not at least five
entries and three starters.

Attention is drawn to the rules of the Club
providing that (a) No person shall be a member
of the Club unless he is a member of the Hong-
kong Jockey Club. (b) All members of the
Hongkong Jockey Club shall be eligible for
election without ballot; and (c) No person unless
he is a member of this Club shall be eligible to
ride or run any pony at any Gymkhana meeting.
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F. E. DEACON,
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Hongkong, 4th April 1904.

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PARIS LETTER.

PARIS, 4th March.

ASYLUM METHODS IN FRANCE.

Asylum scandals in France occur too frequently
to be pleasant. The death of M. Mochin, a
perfectly inoffensive monomaniac at Tours, is
likely to bring on trouble on the asylum
wherein the unfortunate man was kept. The
case is now before the local tribunal in the in-
terest of his widow. Death was apparently the
result of ill-treatment on the part of the
officials. Redureau, who was Mochin's keeper at
the time, affirms that the deceased used to
"tease" his keepers; the "teasing" on the pre-
sent occasion took the form of a friendly, not
to say imbecile "joggling" of the elbow while
the keeper was writing. The latter lost his
temper; unable to master his manly himself,
he called four other keepers to his aid, who
caught Mochin, who was in a straight waistcoat
at the time, from behind, and held him on the
floor, while one keeper half-strangled him with
a twisted apron, and then put his hand over the
unfortunate man's mouth, the rest of the keepers
"wading him up" with blows and "kicks, thus
doing him to death." Further facts which the
enquiry into the affair has revealed are no less
disgraceful. Redureau, and one of the other
guardians of these unfortunate mentally afflicted
persons, are both men who have suffered con-
demnation, and whose past history is known
to the police. One of the keepers after having
by his own carelessness allowed a patient at
Bicetre, where he was then employed, to be
scalped to death in his bath, was given his pre-
sent employment at Tours; while another
guardian named Berthelot, whose record was of
the same class, had charge of the most afflicted
patients for a month. It is time the Govern-
ment remedied such an abominable state of
things.

GYMNASTIC SOCIETIES.

The Union of French Gymnastic Societies
—a most important institution, and one which
enjoys high patronage in France, feels very
greatly honoured at the acceptance of the
honorary presidency by M. Loubet. The
Minister of War takes the deep-
est interest in all affairs gymnastic, so much
so, that he gives sundry advantages during
military service to gymnasts, in order that all
young Frenchmen should feel inclined to join a
gymnastic society before joining the colours. The
Minister of Commerce has appointed a
committee to arrange for the participation by
France at the St. Louis World's Fair in respect
to education and physical culture.

EDUCATION.

Primary instruction is a popular subject just
now in France, the more so, since M. Combes
has been tilting at the system of instruction
given by monks. His speech in the Chamber
has produced quite a storm of indignation, while
the papers have not forgotten to let him know
what they think of his utterances. In the
course of his speech M. Combes remarked "that
nobody who did not enjoy the full and entire
liberty of his personality had the right to live."

Such an expression is certain to be treasured up
by his numerous enemies, while the Premier will
be pelted with his own words when he least
expects it. Nobody can consider himself a free
agent in France—though "Liberty, Equality,
et Fraternité" is the motto of such a country.
England is a free country in every sense of the
word—too much so, of late, as far as aliens are
concerned. To express one's sentiments in
public in Paris implies expulsion, if a foreigner,
and imprisonment, if a native. As the *Figaro*
justly observes—if the argument of the Pre-
sident du Conseil be true, Parisians, as well as
those that live among them, are condemned to
death. People have about as much chance of
acting with perfect liberty and in accordance
with their personal sentiments under M. Loubet
as they had when Louis XV. was King.

Frenchmen in public life are dependent upon
one another; he who would brave his supporters
and say so, if he thought differently to them upon
any public question, certainly deserves the Cross
of the Legion of Honour for his boldness. On
the other hand, if Frenchmen are as intolerant
as they are, it is largely due to the education
they have received from priests, or the laic
instruction given them by persons in whom the
spirit of opposition has set up the same spirit of
intolerance.

It is on primary education, the enlightenment
of the masses, that most care is concentrated.
Every commune, and there are 36,000 in the
country, has its national school, or nearly so,
supported by local rates and State aid. Faci-
lities are given to erect schools, and house the
teachers, and in addition, private companies
have been organised to help, all being well fitted
up. The Third Republic does not begrudge the
sacrifices it has made up to now, and is still
making to benefit education. It is keenly felt
that universal suffrage, unless tempered with
universal instruction, is a two-edged sword.

Millions of francs are now voted annually, where
only thousands were expended during the reign
of Louis XVIII. The programme of the Re-
public is this, to laicise education, and having
provided for its being free, has insisted on the
corollary that it be compulsory. Opposition has
been taken to these laws, instigated more from
antipathy to the form of government than to

public education *per se*. While ruling that
national education shall be secular, the State
affords every facility for the children belonging
to a denomination to receive religious instruction
from the clergyman to whose church they
may belong. This is neutral, not denominational
education, and approaches rather the plan
carried out in Ireland. There is no opposition
placed in the way of private individuals founding
schools subject to guarantees of efficiency, the
only condition exacted by the Law is that
parents or guardians must prove that the young
are being educated.

A STUDY OF LAUGHTER.

Frenchmen are nothing if not ingenious.
To make a close study of the laughter of
the world displays much diligence. We are
told that "frank, hearty folks" laugh in a
phlegmatic chuckle in E. children and simpletons
express their merriment in I; the bold and
reckless in O; and misanthropists in U.
Worth remembering!

MARMOTS.

Marmots have become quite a familiar species
of game in Paris markets. This rodent is
already sold since some time in the eating-houses
of several southern towns in Piedmont, as well
as in Milan, in Italy. Certainly, if anything of
a ratty nature could be acceptable as an article
of food, the marmot ought to present strong
claims to the consideration of epicures. He is
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development in that line, in consequence of the
kindly manner in which he takes to all sorts of
food when in a captive state, especially to butter
and milk.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Wireless telegraphy has proved so successful
in France that henceforth all stations will be
under the control of the Minister of Posts and
Telegraphs. In other words, the public will at
last have the privilege of making use of such
wireless telegraph stations, which hitherto were
strictly confined to the uses of the Navy. Ad-
ditional coast stations are shortly to be
established for the convenience of those persons
wishing to communicate with ships at sea. There
will be two great inland centres situated in
Paris and Melun respectively.

A GAZEL SCARF.

First-bitten in and has been the fate of
Olive Renard, a young girl on the verge of
womanhood, at Lille. The heating arrange-
ment of the building, the great county prison of
Lille, seemed to have been utterly inadequate.
During the worst of the recent hard weather,
the cold in the poor girl's cell became so intense
that she was frost-bitten in the lower extremi-
ties, to such a degree that both feet had to be
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